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RETAILERS FINED NEARLY \$20,000 FOR SELLING TOBACCO TO MINORS

The Monroe County Health Department fined 47 tobacco retailers \$19,400 collectively for selling tobacco products to minors during the second quarter of 2001. A recent change in New York State Public Health Law requires that business names of violators be made public, and significantly increases fines, to include the suspension or revocation of both lottery and tobacco licenses of repeat violators.

\$2,000 Fine & Tobacco Registration suspended six months:

Wal-Mart	1902 Empire Boulevard, Webster
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\$1,000 Fine & Tobacco/Lottery Licenses suspended six months:

Culver Cujar Mart	645 Culver Road
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\$650 Fine:

Aburass Mini Market	495 South Avenue
Khan's Mini Mart	1662 St.Paul Street
Mobil Mart	619 Monroe Avenue
S & F Mini Mart	644 Monroe Avenue
Tops Market	720 Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport
Wilson Farms	1475 North Goodman

\$500 Fine:

Nick's Super Save	460 Monroe Avenue
Tops Market	285 Upper Falls Boulevard
Wilson Farms	969 Bay Street
Wilson Farms	923 North Clinton Avenue

\$300 Fine:

7-Eleven	1809 Penfield Road, Penfield
Alwehda Mini Market	1125 North Street
Ballantyne Service Center	30 Jefferson Road
Bismilla Grocery	984 Portland Avenue
Bobo's Sports Club	479 Carter Street
BR Cruisers	303 East Ridge Road
Cheema & Sons Sunoco	567 West Main Street
Delbo's Hotel	11 Lyell Avenue

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Dixi Mart	452 Parcels Avenue
Fred & Rogers Pk-Colby Mkt	1241 Park Avenue
Full Moon Salon	1380 Lyell Avenue
Gujar Mart	404 Mt. Hope Avenue
Hess Mart	1431 Mt. Hope Avenue
Highland Mini Mart	834 South Avenue
Hudson Grocery	504 Hudson Avenue
J & H Automotive	1065 Culver Road
Jillian's	61 Commercial Street
Kashmir Food Market	1979 East Main Street
Lake Road Country Store	1319 Lake Road, Webster
Little Nephew Super Market	638 South Avenue
Monroe Food Market	990 Monroe Avenue
My Apartment	2515 Mt. Read Boulevard
NOCO Express	58 West Main St., Webster
North Mini Market	434 North Street
Our Supermarket	1115 Hudson Avenue
Papu's African Market	368 Hudson Avenue
Public Meat & Grocery	600 Hudson Avenue
Rani Market	1416 Culver Road
Red Apple Food Mart	3215 Chili Avenue
Ricardos Bakery	1780 Norton Street
S & AK Market	426 South Avenue
Stop-Buy Market	917 North Street
Weaver-Joseph Mini Mart	1020 Joseph Avenue
WH Smith Hotel Services	125 East Main Street
Wilson Farms	890 Monroe Avenue

Penalties for Selling Tobacco to Minors:

- First Violation: \$300-\$1,000 fine; business name published
- Second Violation: \$500-\$1,500 fine; tobacco registration suspended for six months; lottery license suspended for six months; business name published
- Third Violation: \$500-\$1,500 fine; tobacco registration revoked for one year; lottery license permanently revoked; business name published

(**Note:** Fine reductions from previous violations may be added to new fine amount)

The Monroe County Health Department contracts with Greece, Webster and Rochester Police Departments, and with the Monroe County Sheriff, to conduct compliance checks of tobacco retailers throughout Monroe County. Underage youths, typically 16 years of age, attempt to purchase tobacco products; if successful, the business is cited with a violation of the state Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act. In 2000, 1,146 checks were conducted; tobacco products were sold to minors 147 times (13%).

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